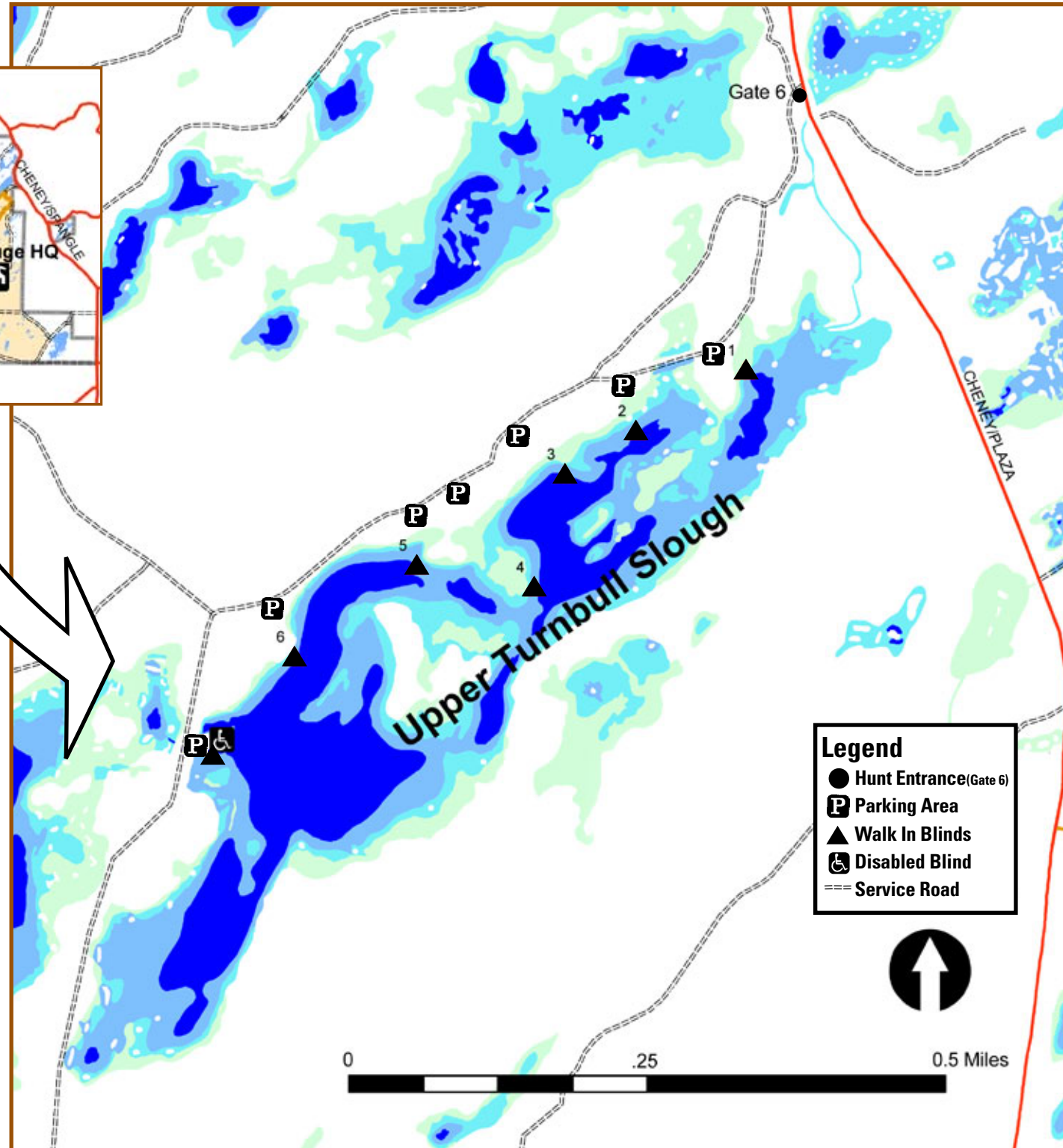
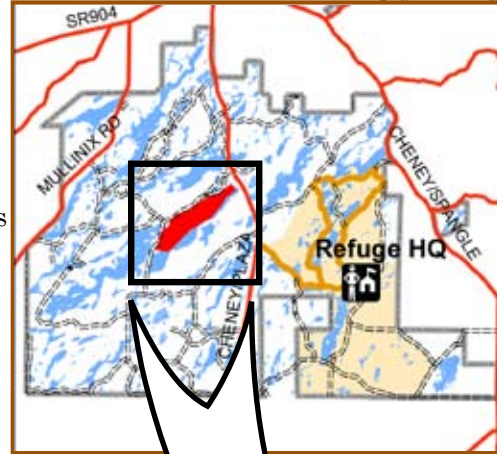


*Know the
Refuge's
Signage*

Hunt access areas are posted with a custom Hunting Area sign "Refuge Hunting Access Permit Required." Boundaries of non-hunting areas are delineated with a custom "No Hunting Beyond this Sign". The entire Refuge perimeter is posted with the blue goose National Wildlife Refuge Unauthorized Entry Prohibited (boundary sign) and "Area Beyond This Sign Closed" signs.



Support Hunting Laws

Our wildlife is a valuable resource. Laws and regulations are intended to protect them, while allowing for some consumptive use. Hunters are encouraged to report any violations they may encounter to a State or Federal employee.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Youth Waterfowl Hunt

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509/235 4723

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General Regulations

Closed Areas Visitors are allowed only in the Visitor Use area, Columbia Plateau Trail and designated sites identified in hunt permits. Visitors are required to stay on trails from March 1st through August 15th and on designated roadways throughout the year.

Dogs Dogs and other pets must be kept on short leashes (less than 5 ft. long) except during the youth waterfowl seasons for the retrieval of game.

Littering No litter containers are provided on the Refuge. All visitors must carry out litter.

Hunting Information Elk and youth waterfowl hunting is allowed by refuge permit only during special season. During all other times, Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge is closed to all hunting and discharge of firearms.

Firearms Air guns and all handguns are prohibited for hunting on the Refuge. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of state and local law. It is prohibited to shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment or designated parking area. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific Refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

Prohibited Recreational Activities Camping, fishing, boating, horseback riding, fires, swimming, bathing, and on-ice activities are not permitted on the Refuge. ATV, ORV and snowmobile use is prohibited on all areas of the Refuge; only street legal vehicles are permitted on Smith Road and the Refuge tour route. The collection of any plant or animal or parts thereof is prohibited except licensed hunting in accordance with state and federal law.

Hunting Season-Hours and Limits

Waterfowl Hunting Regulations

A 2-day youth waterfowl hunt will run concurrently with the State youth waterfowl hunt in September. Season dates will change annually in accordance with the Washington State seasons. Two youths (under age 16) and an accompanying non-hunting adult (at least 18 years of age) will be allowed at each site. The adult will be responsible for the actions of the youth. Scouting will be allowed one day prior to each season opener. Waterfowl hunters are allowed into the hunting area two hours prior to legal shooting hours. Refer to State migratory waterfowl hunting pamphlet for specific hunting times. Decoy retrieval is allowed for one hour past legal shooting hours. Daily bag and possession limit will coincide with limits established by the State.

Licenses Permits and Fees Required

All hunters must have in their possession a valid State hunting license and any required stamps and permits. Youth under 16 need a State hunting license and migratory bird validation but not a federal migratory waterfowl stamp. Youth may apply with a youth friend or youth sibling on the same application. Hunter access permits will be issued to the adults accompanying the youth(s). Refuge hunting access permits are non transferable and must include the names of hunter; their hunt partners and accompanying adults. Permit holders will be provided orientation to the hunting sites and offered a waterfowl identification class.

Hunter Selection

Youth hunters will be selected from a random drawing. Applications are accepted at the Refuge or by mail from August 1-15. Any person whose name appears on more than one application for the same hunt day will be excluded from the drawing, as will applications that do not follow the guidelines provided.

- 1.Use only standard U.S. Postal Service postcards.

Areas Open to Public Hunting

Waterfowl hunting is allowed only within 50 yards of the designated hunting sites on the north side of Upper Turnbull Slough.

Specific Hunting Locations

Hunters are restricted to a limited number of fixed spaced hunting sites depending on fall lake water levels. Up to 8 hunting sites will be available including a developed disabled access site located on the west end of the lake near the Upper Turnbull Slough water control structure and boat ramp. Hunting areas are spaced at least 300 yards apart. No permanent blinds are provided for the waterfowl hunt. Hunters can use the cattail edge of Upper Turnbull Slough as natural cover. Hunters are required to hunt within 50 yards of the marked hunting sites. Hunting sites are marked by a permanent post and sign with trail markers. Hunt units are closed to all other public uses.

Access and Parking

Access to the waterfowl hunting area on Upper Turnbull Slough is through Gate 6 off the Cheney Plaza Road. No off-road access on the Refuge will be allowed for motorized vehicles. Vehicles must use existing open roads and designated parking areas to access hunting sites and not block gates or roads. Hunting access areas are posted by number along the

- 2.Type or print clearly.
- 3.Give full name, addresses, telephone numbers, hunting license number for each youth hunter applicant, and whether the disabled access site is needed.
- 4.Mail postcards to:
Refuge Manager,
Turnbull NWR,
26010 South Smith Rd.,
Cheney, WA 99004.

Weapons, Shots, and Shells

Only shotguns are allowed. Hunting is limited to 25 shells of non-toxic shot per day per hunter. A shotgun larger than 10 gauge is prohibited. The shotgun can be capable of holding no more than three shells. Shot size may not exceed size T (.200 inch).

Special Regulations

Each person will comply with the applicable provisions of state and federal laws as well as hunting regulations of the State of Washington. Decoys and boats must be clean of any aquatic vegetation and organisms prior to entering the Refuge. Youth hunters must be familiar with federal regulations related to migratory bird hunting (Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.)

Prohibited Hunting Activities

The construction of permanent blinds is prohibited. The construction of pit blinds and the cutting/removal of vegetation is not allowed. All blind materials, decoys, and other equipment, including spent casings, must be removed following each day's hunt. No trapping or falconry is allowed. It is unlawful to use or possess alcoholic beverages or drugs while hunting. Individuals under any influence of alcohol or drugs are prohibited within the Refuge.

Species

Only ducks, coots and geese will be hunted.

Hunting Recommendations

Be a sportsman/sportswoman and respect the rights of other hunters afield.

Hunters should familiarize themselves with the appropriate Code of Federal Regulations (posted in 50 CFR) and with the regulations and any State waterfowl restrictions as listed in the State Waterfowl Regulations pamphlets put out by WFWD.

For Your Safety Know Your Limitations

The Refuge covers a variety of habitats including rough uneven terrain, deep waters, dense stands of vegetation, ditches, etc. Hunting difficulty varies by area and hunters should examine their own abilities and limitations before using the Refuge. Disabled individuals should hunt with a partner and consult the Refuge Manager for suggestions for hunting the area safely.

Report all Injuries and Accidents

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